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SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT Docket No. BAR-82-31

BOARD	OF	OVERSEERS	OF	THE	BAR)			
		ν.)	OPINION	AND	ORDER	
STEPHI	EN T	Γ. JEFFCO)			

This matter comes before the undersigned Justice on a three-count information presented by the Board of Overseers of the Bar seeking disciplinary action against Stephen T.

Jeffco. The information alleges in Count I that the respondent has violated the Maine Bar Rules by neglecting a legal matter entrusted to him and by misrepresenting the status of that matter to his clients in violation of Maine Bar Rule 3.2(f)(3) and 3.6(a)(1)(2) and (3). In Count II it is alleged that the respondent neglected a legal matter entrusted to him by these same clients in violation of Maine Bar Rule 3.2(f)(4) and 3.6 (a)(3). In Count III it is alleged that the respondent failed to respond to an inquiry by the Board in violation of Maine Bar Rule 2(c).

The respondent did not file an answer within the twenty days provided in the summons and on December 3, 1982 the Board filed a motion for default judgment. The Court entered default judgment on December 27, 1982 and scheduled a further hearing to be held on January 27, 1983 to determine what action should be taken against the defendant. On January 27, 1983 the

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respondent appeared pro se and requested a continuance of the hearing until March 1, 1983, which continuance was granted. Upon hearing the respondent acknowledged the violations as set forth in the information and informed the Court of changes which he has instituted in his practice to guard against the repetition of any further acts of neglect.

Notwithstanding such remedial measures the Court is satisfied that the violations are of sufficient seriousness to require a period of suspension.

ACCORDINGLY, it is ORDERED that (1) the Court finds that the respondent has committed the violations as specified in the three counts of the information, and (2) it is ORDERED that the respondent, Stephen T. Jeffco, be and is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of 30 days that period to commence 60 days after the entry of this ORDER.

Dated: March 1, 1983.

Justice, Supreme Judicial Court

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